



## Partnership for the National Trails System

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**MEMO TO:** Leadership Council and Trail Organization Leaders

**FROM:** Gary Werner

**RE:** CONTACT SENATORS ABOUT S. 22 -- OMNIBUS PUBLIC LANDS BILL -- TODAY

Greetings and Happy New Year:

As they said they would do in November, Senator Bingaman has reintroduced the **Omnibus Public Lands Bill** as **S. 22** and Majority Leader, Senator Reid, has scheduled it for a vote -- on Sunday! The vote on Sunday will be to invoke cloture to stop Senator Coburn's (R-OK) filibuster of the bill. 60 senators must vote to stop the filibuster.

The **Omnibus Public Lands bill -- S. 22** is the BIG (160 bills in all) trails bill of the new 111th Congress! The bill includes these components important to the National Trails System:

- Authorization of the National Landscape Conservation System in the Bureau of Land Management;
- Authorization of Willing Seller Land Acquisition Authority for nine national scenic and historic trails;
- Authorization of Revision of the Feasibility Study for 4 Historic Trails;
  
- Designation of the Arizona National Scenic Trail;
- Designation of the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail;
- Designation of the New England National Scenic Trail;
- Designation of additional routes and feeder trails for the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail;
- Designation of the Washington-Rochambeau National Historic Trail;
  
- Designation of the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail; (a new category of "trail"?)
  
- Authorization of a Feasibility Study of the Chisolm Trail;
- Authorization of a Feasibility Study of the Great Western Trail (cattle trail);

**PLEASE ACT -- CALL OR E-MAIL YOUR SENATORS BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS TOMORROW -- FRIDAY, JANUARY 9TH -- ASKING THEM TO VOTE FOR CLOTURE AND THEN TO VOTE TO PASS S. 22 - THE OMNIBUS PUBLIC LANDS BILL -- A CRITICAL BILL FOR THE NATIONAL TRAILS SYSTEM.**

If you want to look at the bill you can find it on the Senate Energy Committee's website by going to **Thomas.loc.gov**

The National Trails Section begins about page 465 of the bill.

Please let me know what response you get from your Senators about this important legislation.

Thanks for your help!